

Hawaii Marine

MCB Hawaii recognized for inaugural National Night Out

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marine Corps Base Hawaii was recognized for the installation's inaugural National Night Out hosted last year.

The National Association of Town Watch posted MCB Hawaii among the winners in the military category on its website and pamphlets. The base also received a plaque. Maj. Sam Roy, the base provost marshal, presented the plaque to Col. Brian Annichiarico, commanding officer of MCB Hawaii.

"I was extremely ecstatic about it," said Derek Hinkley, a patrol officer with Fourth Section at the Provost Marshal's Office and a major coordinator for last year's event. "It was a great turnout, everybody who participated had a great time and they were asking if we were going to do it again."

Hinkley also credited the event's success to support from the commanding officer and the base community. But his personal efforts hadn't gone unnoticed among his colleagues.

"All the credit for the success of NNO needs to go to Officer Hinkley. He developed the idea to bring NNO to MCB Hawaii and did all the legwork to make it happen," said John Lunning, services support officer, PMO.

The NATW, a nonprofit organization, introduced NNO to the nation in the early 1980s, and strives to help various organizations serving to protect communities from crime.

On Aug. 7, 2012, nearly 1,000 people attended the event. Members from approximately 50 organizations on and off base including PMO, FBI,



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Civilian Military Police Officer Lt. Vernon Kong, from the Special Response Team at the Provost Marshal's Office, shows a small arms protective insert plate to Cpl. Federico Rojas, company clerk, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, and his son at Mokapu Mall, Aug. 7, 2012. Marine Corps Base Hawaii hosted its first National Night Out last year at Mokapu Mall, featuring various organizations.

Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Federal Fire Department set up displays, demonstrations and answered questions at Mokapu Mall.

Liz Turner, the Drug Abuse Resistance and Education and Drug Education for Youth specialist at Crime Prevention, PMO, manned a booth and introduced people to the DARE and DEFY programs. Generally, she said children have expressed fear of police officers.

"I thought it was a good way to get kids and the community to form a relationship with law enforcement," Turner said.

Lori Paro, a DEFY mentor, was also at the event promoting the DEFY program. She said National Night Out gave people the opportunity

to learn about organizations on and off base, and ask questions. Turner said many parents were not aware DARE and DEFY are offered on base.

MCCS Hawaii also participated in NNO.

"NNO was a joint effort between PMO and MCCS, and without their support, the event could not have happened," Lunning said.

Several MCCS Hawaii departments, including Marine and Family Programs, were represented at the event.

"We're really happy that we were invited and when it happens again we would love to participate," said Estella Euclide, program specialist for Marine and Family Programs.

Euclide was one of many MCCS representatives at the venue, manning a table. She said the event gave MCCS another venue to disseminate information to families about its various programs.

Representatives from the local community also enjoyed coming out to the base for NNO.

Tamah-Lani Noh, the counterdrug coordinator for the state of Hawaii, was one of many representatives from the off-base community who came to Mokapu Mall last year for NNO. Her office distributed information about preventing drug abuse and underage drinking.

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Eyes of Marine Corps Air Station always on alert

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Miscommunication or failure to communicate between units on the flight line can be the difference between life and death. To prevent any equipment from damage or malfunction, an elite group of Marines and sailors regularly manages the radar system to keep Marine Corps Air Station Hawaii running on all cylinders.

"Without the radar systems we provide and maintain, the air traffic control would not be able to communicate with the pilots operating the aircraft," said Lance Cpl. Diego Rincon, a radar work center supervisor with Air Traffic Control Maintenance Division, Marine Corps Air Station, 22 and a native of Elko, Nev. "We insure the equipment is properly aligned and ready for inclement weather and

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Lance Cpl. Diego Rincon, 22, a radar work center supervisor with Air Traffic Control Maintenance Division, Marine Corps Air Station, and a native of Elko, Nev. analyzes parts of the Digital Airport Surveillance Radar on the Kansas Tower Hill here, Tuesday.



Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber | Hawaii Marine

Marines and sailors with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 and Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 challenged each other to a competition when they launched seven CH-53E Super Stallions, five AH1 Cobras and one UH1 Huey helicopter at Hangars 102 and 103, Friday.

HMH-463 rules skies in friendly competition

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines and sailors with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 and Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 challenged each other to a friendly competition when they launched seven CH-53E Super Stallions, five AH1 Cobras and one UH1 Huey helicopter at Hangars 102 and 103, Friday.

The competition is scheduled every other month and is focused around mission readiness while creating a better sense of pride and morale throughout

the squadrons. Though the flight only lasts for a few hours, it takes long days and several weeks for Marines and sailors to prepare the aircraft for launch. Both squadrons' goals are to successfully maintain every one of their aircraft in weeks prior to the event in hopes of launching every available asset at the event. The winner is the squadron who has the most helicopters up and running while the focus is unit readiness.

"To 'fly the barn' or conduct a mass launch is unity of force," said Maj. Shayne Frey, aircraft maintenance officer for HMH-463. "The competition

isn't for me. It's for the Marines and sailors who give their all, day in and day out, and work through blood, sweat, and tears to keep this squadron running. They take a lot of pride in seeing the helicopters they spend long days working on, take off and fly together in the sky — they're the ones that really get a kick out of this."

Lance Cpl. Allen Fosnaugh, a helicopter crew chief with HMH-463, said, "It's a motivating experience for everyone."

According to Master Sgt. William D. Jankowski, maintenance chief with

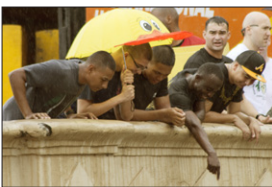
HMH-463, the experience of seeing a group of Super Stallion helicopters fly together in the sky is nothing short of amazing and reflects on the overall readiness of the squadron.

"I would compare it to a father or mother coming back from a deployment," Jankowski said. "Our squadron takes that much pride in this and it helps that we keep winning."

When asked what his squadron receives for winning the competition, Fosnaugh said, "Well it's all about bragging rights over here, but a 72-hour liberty would be nice."



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Marines volunteer at 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, **C-1**

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NEWS BRIEFS

Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo

Sunday, May 19 is Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free for military personnel and their dependents. Free parking will be available at the Kapiolani Community College parking lot with a free shuttle to transport military personnel and dependents to and from the gates of the Honolulu Zoo. The event will feature free pizza, drinks, watermelon, entertainment and much more.

Volunteer opportunity at the Honolulu Zoo

The Navy League is seeking volunteers for Military Appreciation Day at the Honolulu Zoo. The event will take place Sunday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers should plan to arrive by 7:30 a.m. and leave after the event ends. Volunteers will be working in various areas such as food service and running games. Volunteers should wear shorts and closed-toe sneakers. Minimum age for volunteers is 16. An event T-shirt will be provided upon arrival. Those interested in volunteering should get in touch with Johanna Marizan-Ho at 257-8876 or johanna.marizanho@usmc.mil.

Base tax center open for tax season

The base tax center is currently open to all Marine Corps Base Hawaii service members, retirees and reservists. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please bring all W-2s (including spouse's), bank account and routing numbers, a copy of last year's tax return, all other tax forms (1099s, etc.) and Social Security cards for all family members.

The tax center is located at building 455 on the first deck. Building 455 is across the street from Forest City and adjacent to the Youth Activities Center. For details, call 257-1187.

Naval Health Clinics Closure

All Naval Health Clinics will be closed at noon today, and all Naval Health Clinic Hawaii treatment facilities will have limited health care services. Beneficiaries are asked to take this into consideration when scheduling health care. Medical and dental services will be provided from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Starting at noon, all health care services are secured for the day. This includes appointment scheduling, prescription refills, laboratory draws, etc. All clinics will re-open Monday. The urgent care walk-in clinic at Makalapa Clinic will be open Saturday from 6 to 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for acute care needs.

To speak to a medical care provider at anytime the clinics are closed, please call the "Provider After-Hours Advice Line" at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705.

Plant pinwheels at Hawaii state Capitol

Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii is hosting a pinwheel planting event at the Hawaii state Capitol Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Come plant a pinwheel to bring awareness to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Hawaii. The pinwheel display will be visible from April 7 through 14, to be an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures that all children deserve.

If you can't make the planting, pledge your support by posting a picture of yourself with a pinwheel or at a pinwheel garden to the organization's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/preventchildabusehawaii>. For more information, contact Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii at 951-0200.

Important phone numbers

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| On-base emergencies | 911 |
| Child Protective Service | 832-5300 |
| Fraud, Waste, Abuse & EEO | 257-8852 |
| Base information | 449-7110 |
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Amy Laboy, the manager of Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Exceptional Family Member Program, shows several children how to decorate and make their own music shakers during "In the Park" held Tuesday. Next week's theme will be "Art In the Park."

April amusements: 'In the Park' series begins

Story and photos by
Christine Cabalo

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Families and friends embarked on the first session of the "In the Park" series held at Riseley Field, Tuesday.

The series offers free activities at the field each Tuesday in April, sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services. "In the Park" recognizes several observances for the month: Child abuse prevention, autism awareness and celebrating children of military families.

"We began brainstorming early this year and Dr. Seuss entered the picture," said Estella Euclide, a program specialist with the base's Marine and Family Services office. "Everyone loves Seuss books. 'Would you? Could you?' came to mind (from the book 'Green Eggs and Ham') and so was born the 'Would You, Could You, In the Park' series. Hosting all these events in the park just felt right."

This week's theme was "Music In the Park" and featured live music from Val Vasquez, the lead singer of local band Island Storm.

Several activity stations featured a musical theme. Children crafted and decorated their own music shakers to take home. A variety of child-size instruments was available for them to play, including a Japanese pellet drum, gong and sleigh bells.

Samantha Dean, a spouse of a Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 3, attended with her two children. Dean said the event was set up in an ideal location where she could help her daughter with her homework and let her family individually explore each station.

In addition to enjoying the activity stations, attendees of every age brought blankets and picnic snacks to enjoy at the concert. Jennifer McKinstry and her family attended "In the Park" while her husband was away for training. She said the open space was nice for her children to safely play and dance with others.

"I like having something we can do in the evening for fun, then go home easily to get ready for bed," McKinstry said. "With something fun to do, they're not worrying about dad, they're just having fun."

Cierra Slack, who came with her 7-month-old son and husband, said the timing for the event was ideal.

"For us, it was nice to get out and about to meet new families," she said. "We got to see what some of the programs on base offered, and you can't beat having live music outside."

Many who attended said they also wanted to meet and socialize with other families who live on base.



Lane Lombard tests out a xylophone available for children to play with during the inaugural "In the Park" held Tuesday at Riseley Field. Children could play with drums and music shakers made from plastic eggs for this week's theme "Music In the Park."

Euclide said the event was also intended for new families to meet each other in a calm environment.

"We truly intend for 'In The Park' to be an easy-going, relaxing series of events," Euclide said. "We want parents and children alike to be able to unwind, to just relax. So we encourage families to bring chairs or a blanket and even a picnic to enjoy."

She said MCCS staff would also be available for each of the "In the Park" sessions, ready to answer questions about available programs and upcoming events.

They will meet you in the park, they will meet you before dark. They will always meet you with a kind remark.

"In the Park" will be available every Tuesday in April at Riseley Field from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, call 257-0372.

AAVs INSPECTED FOR TOP PROFICIENCY AT LZ BOONDOCKER



Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

Marines with Combat Assault Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, stand at attention in formation for inspection of their 16 amphibious assault vehicles at Landing Zone Boondocker, March 27. The routine inspection paid close attention to the different mechanics of the AAV to make sure the armored vehicle was functioning properly and documented in the vehicle's logbook. "It's a lot like a car inspection, only bigger," said Lance Cpl. Aaron Hernandez, an AAV crew chief and native of Waterbury, Conn. "We had two pre-inspections prior to this one where we went over every little detail. It's important to pay attention to the details, especially when we end up downrange and we have troops in the back of the AAVs."

AROUND THE CORPS

Navajo Code Talker visits old stomping grounds

Lance Cpl. James Gulliver
1st Marine Division

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Samuel Tsosie, a retired Marine who served as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II, looks into the faces of a younger generation of Marines sitting before him.

He can almost see a younger version of himself. Tsosie stood in front of group of Marines serving with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, March 27, and gave them insight into the history of their beloved unit.

“These Marines remind me a lot of myself back when I was in,” Tsosie said. “We may have had different gear then, but we are the same men.”

The Castle Butte, Ariz., native served with 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, during multiple combat operations in the Pacific Theater. Among those were Peleliu, Okinawa, and Cape Gloucester.

Marines from 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, were invited to listen to Tsosie as he spoke about his four-year tour island hopping in the Pacific.

“We were always wet from the constant rain, always hungry, and always worried if we were going to make it one more day,” Tsosie told the Marines. “War is hell.”

The Marine Corps recruited Navajo Indians during World War II to send encrypted messages containing classified information in the Navajo language. This was done to prevent the Japanese from deciphering radio transmissions and discover plans of future operations.

“Our code was never broken by the Japanese. This is why we were so invaluable to the Marine Corps,” Tsosie said. “We kept many Marines safe because the Japanese could not figure out what we were going to do next.”

“This is a honor having a Marine like Tsosie visit our ranks,” said Sgt. Maj. Connie Travis, 2nd Bn., 5th Marines, sergeant major. “This really sheds some light on our past.”

Having a veteran as experienced as Tsosie gives the younger Marines of the battalion a look into their history, said Lt. Col. Timothy Bairstow, the



Lance Cpl. James Gulliver | 1st Marine Division

Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kien, a rifleman serving with 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, shows Samuel Tsosie, a retired Marine who served as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II, an M16 service rifle at Camp San Mateo, March 27. Tsosie's visit to the battalion gave some of the younger Marines an opportunity to learn about an important aspect of the Corps' heritage.

commanding officer of 2nd Bn., 5th Marines.

“All the Marines in the battalion need to be a part of this,” said Bairstow, a native of New York City. “Our Marines need to understand the legacy they must live up to.”

Tsosie was able to see weapons and equipment currently used by Marines during the visit to his old stomping grounds.

“All this gear is so much heavier than what we use to have,” said Tsosie. “But it does look like the Marines nowadays are a lot safer wearing all of this.”

Tsosie expressed pride in being a Marine and serving in World War II.

“From the day you first put on that uniform, you’re a Marine. It changes you,” said Tsosie. “Once a Marine, always a Marine.”

Bring on mud: Marines complete Vehicle Recovery Course

Sgt. Alisa Helin
2nd Marine Logistics Group

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Marines with 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group met to complete the Vehicle Recovery Course, March 25.

The course is normally six weeks long and takes place at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., but this version is condensed into four weeks. The shorter course allows for a mobile training team to travel to Camp Lejeune, teaching more than 12 Marines at a time.

The students graduated with the necessary military occupational specialty of 3536, vehicle recovery operator.

“Basic operators only know how to put equipment on the truck and go,” said Sgt. Ryan Schmidt, a Saint Augustine, Texas, native and assistant instructor for the course. “(This) deals with crane operations, retrieval systems and a lift tow.”

The Marines were greeted with a cold, muddy field and a mine resistant, ambush-protected vehicle, upside-down, stuck in the mud.

The students must calculate the

weight of the vehicle and see how deep it is, before hooking the MRAP up to a logistics vehicle system replacement. These conditions must be put together first to get the job done properly and safely, Schmidt said.

The Marines then worked together to attach chains to help pull the vehicle out from the mud. They secured and checked the cables and gave the command to flip the truck over.

The LVSR started pulling the chains in and slowly the MRAP rose off its side.

If there was a twist in the chains, loose parts or new dangers that appeared while in motion, the vehicle would have been lowered to its original position so the Marines could fix the problem, but this time it went smoothly.

“The training was very successful. The Marines executed safety,” said Schmidt. “They’re messing with a three-quarter-inch cord, and if it messes up, it can slice through a brick wall.”

Training like this can be used in everyday operations throughout the entire Marine Corps and within the 2nd MLG.

“We’re on call seven days a week, 24 hours a day,” said Schmidt. “We’re on a roll with recovery missions, (almost) every day.”



Courtesy photo

A mine resistant, ambush-protected vehicle sits on its side during the Vehicle Recovery Course aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 25. Marines from 2nd Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, completed a four-week course to receive the military occupational specialty of 3536, vehicle recovery operator.

No prisoners: Marines train to retake facility from terrorists

Cpl. Paul Peterson
2nd Marine Logistics Group

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — “The aggressors are inside our compound ... there will be no prisoners.”

The words launched the battle to retake 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group's facilities from simulated terrorists, who infiltrated the site, March 27. Nearly a dozen Marines posed as insurgents, planted improvised explosive devices throughout the area, and hunkered down for the coming assault.

“This is on a much more personal level,” said Sgt. William A. Dalzell, a light armored vehicle technician with the battalion. “This is my home right now, my work area, not some little compound out in the woods.”

The unit outfitted each Marine with a load of blank ammunition and the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, which uses lasers to simulate actual bullets.

“I’m not going to just be looking for a cardboard cutout of the enemy,” said Dalzell, a Lake Geneva, Wis., native who fought against the Marines as an insurgent. “The enemy is going to be mobile, and they’re going to be an actual threat this time.”

Dozens of Marines trickled through the entrance of the compound. They moved in rushes, one Marine providing cover as his teammates raced to close the distance to the buildings.

“It all depends on the aggressors,” said Staff Sgt. Noe



Cpl. Paul Peterson | 2nd Marine Logistics Group

A Marine carries a simulated casualty to safety during a training exercise held by 2nd Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., March 27.

H. Verduzco, a maintenance chief with the battalion who took part in the training. “The biggest thing is getting through fast and communicating ... as long as they communicate with each other, they should be able to clear the way through the doorway and into rooms. Everything else from there will be a surprise.”

Dalzell and another insurgent hid within one of the battalion's buildings and waited to ambush the

Marines. Their instructions were clear – give no quarter, expect none in return.

“If you’re the first guy going through the door, you don’t know if that’s the last door you’re going to go through,” said Verduzco, a native of San Diego. “It all depends on how the aggressors want to place themselves. It’s the unexpected, which kind of brings a bit of reality because you never know what to expect.”

Fire teams of four or more Marines rushed into buildings across the compound.

Gunfire erupted in the maintenance bay as a group of service members sprinted past work benches and vehicles. One Marine went down, his MILES gear humming a single tone to signify he was hit.

“It got frantic,” said Dalzell, recalling the moments after he opened fire on a group of Marines. “(The) adrenaline started pumping.”

Individual battles raged in offices, parking lots and work spaces across the compound.

“Once they realized they were taking contact, they all found cover, and eventually they just dispersed and started to maneuver toward my (location),” said Dalzell. “I was overwhelmed, and I had Marines on the left and the right.”

In approximately an hour and a half, the assault force isolated Dalzell and the other insurgents, neutralizing the entire group of terrorists.

The Marines carried their simulated wounded out of the battle area and finished their sweep of the compound. Two hours later, the fight raged again as another group of Marines squared off in the compound.

Never again: Heeding warning signs

Historical look at Holocaust

Source: the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Timeline information and photos courtesy of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
<http://www.ushmm.org/education/foreducators/resource/pdf/chronology.pdf>

Pinwheels, plushy reminders as MCB Hawaii, state of Hawaii observes National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Those driving onto Marine Corps Base Hawaii in the morning may have noticed colored pinwheels spinning in the breeze. The blue and silver pinwheels represent National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which falls in April. Each of the rainbow-colored pinwheels represents an alleged case of child abuse on base.

Child abuse is one of several issues to take the spotlight during the month of April. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, an estimate of more than 1,500 children died from abuse or neglect in 2010 in the U.S.

As the month of April progresses, Marine Corps Community Services plans to host various activities and events to emphasize the importance of child abuse prevention.

Marine and Family Programs will be hosting a Pinwheels for Prevention Walk April 12 at 2 p.m., an hour before the Keiki Aloha Expo. All hands aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii are invited to meet in front of the Fairways Ballroom at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, where the walk will begin. Accompanied with a live performance by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Party Band, participants will walk from the ballroom to Riseley Field, and help tie pinwheels to the fence.

With 40 vendors, the Keiki Aloha Expo is scheduled for April 12 in the Fairways Ballroom at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, from 3 to 6 p.m. Mini workshops include baby sign language, benefits of breastfeeding, challenging behavior strategies and parent-child circle time.

“This is a one-stop shop to find out about civilian and military resources to support expectant families and families with infants and small children,” said Diane Whitcomb, the manager of the New Parent Support Program and coordinator of the Keiki Aloha Expo.

This year, the expo will include four workshops. The baby sign language workshop is being offered again this year. Whitcomb said the expo gives people an opportunity to have face-to-face contact with representatives from various organizations.

Many organizations, including Family Hui and Easter Seals, will be at the expo, as well as on base organizations including MCCS, the Armed Services YMCA, Exceptional Family Member Program and the Children, Youth and Teen Program.

“We want to continue efforts to destigmatize asking for help and communicate the many resources that are available for our Marine families,” said Kalani Mills, manager of the Family Advocacy Program for Marine and Family Services. “It’s not easy being a par-



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Kalani Mills, manager of the Family Advocacy Program for Marine and Family Services, plants pinwheels in the grass near the H-3 gate, Monday, in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ent, and for many, (it’s even harder being single parents) while our service members are away. This is an enormous challenge for our young families that have little to no family support to give them a break. Everyone has a limit. We ask our families here on base to support each other and to recognize if someone is hurting or stressing out to offer a helping hand.”

The base is also lending its helping hand to the Teddy Bear Round Up, collecting new or gently used teddy bears and other stuffed animals for children. This year, Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii hopes to achieve the Guinness World Record for Largest Gathering of Plush Toys, with a goal of more than 5,000 stuffed animals.

Through April 23, donors can bring their stuffed animals to the Semper Fit Center, Marine and Family Programs Counseling Services in building 216, at the Youth Activities Center and the base library. On April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will also be a stuffed animal collection site at Windward Mall. Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii will then give the toys to the various organizations.

Base residents can find information about Child Abuse Prevention Month at a joint awareness month information table at the base commissary, April 15,

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On April 18 and 19, the information tables will again be available with resources and information at Mokapu Mall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives will be giving out pinwheels in observance of the month.

On April 9, 16, 23 and 30, the “Art in the Park Series” will be hosting activities in Riseley Field for families. During the month of the April, there will also be resource tables related to Child Abuse Prevention Month, Month of the Military Child and Autism Awareness Month.

Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii is hosting its annual pinwheel planting event at the Hawaii state Capitol Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The local and military communities are invited to the Hawaii Capitol to help plant pinwheels, which will be on display from April 7 through 14. For more information, contact Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii at 951-0200.

Whether on or off base, prevention and awareness of child abuse and neglect will have a presence, in the form of pinwheels, a cuddly teddy bear, or concerned individuals who are working toward a solution. For more information about MCCS events, visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com>.

In midst of WWII, love connection emerges

Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

HONOLULU — Looking down at the buzzing streets filled with tourists and out toward an ocean that seemed endless, I turned around to compliment Walter and Myrtle Powers on their beautiful condo. There the elderly couple stood, smiling and holding hands as they offered me a seat.

Walter Powers and Myrtle Powers, 88 and 91 years old, respectively, are two World War II veterans and have been happily married for 66 years. Walter Powers was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and spent his childhood traveling with his dad who was a salesman, while Myrtle Powers was born in Oregon City, Ore., and raised on a farm picking berries with her family.

Myrtle Powers went to Oregon College of Education, and received a teaching job at an elementary school after earning her degree. She vividly remembers her reason for enlisting.

“I received a teaching job on a Friday, and Pearl Harbor was bombed that Sunday,” she said. “That next week my second graders came to class saying their dads were leaving to go to war, and they might be killed. That’s when I decided I needed to join the United States Marine Corps, so I could take care of my kids’ fathers.”

Myrtle Powers worked as a dietitian at a dispensary on a Marine Corps air base in Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1944 where she met Walter Powers, who calls her “Myrt.”

As a petty officer second class working as a pharmacist mate, he had just finished completing surgery on a patient, Walter Powers said.

“When I came out of the operation room, Myrt walked in with a cake. I don’t know what the cake was for, but she was the most beautiful girl I ever saw,” he said.

I asked him what was special about Myrtle Powers that made him ask her out. He explained that the little things play a huge part in catching one’s attention.

“It’s a hard feeling to describe when you meet the person that you want to spend the rest of your life with,” he said. Jokingly, he added, “Plus, I had



Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Hawaii Marine

Walter and Myrtle Powers hold hands as they look at the mountains in the distance outside the chapel they both attend every Sunday for church in Honolulu, March 30. The couple served in World War II from 1943-45 and got married after they were discharged, resulting in a 66-year marriage.

access to her medical records, and she was clean!”

As the war ended in 1945, so did Myrtle Powers’ service with the Marine Corps, and she went back to college to earn her master’s degree in teaching. Meanwhile, Walter Powers received orders and was sent to Guam for nine months.

“We wrote letters to each other for the entire time he was deployed,” Myrtle Powers said. “Despite being thousands of miles apart, we fell in love through the letters we sent to each other.”

Myrtle Powers kept all of the love letters she received from Walter Powers while he was in Guam, and recently gave them to him for their 60th anniversary.

“I would have kept the letters she sent to me, but I had no room left in my packs,” Walter Powers said as he

patted his wife’s leg and smiled.

When Walter Powers came back home from deployment, he attended college with Myrtle Powers. Soon after, they got married, settled down and had three sons, Wally, James and Thomas Powers. During this time, Myrtle Powers obtained her master’s degree in teaching and Walter Powers was still working toward his Ph.D. in psychology. After a while, he was offered the position of adviser to the Ministry of Education in South Korea.

Upon accepting the position, Walter Powers moved his family to South Korea for two years. There he helped establish the first school council. During this period, Myrtle Powers taught English as a second language to South Koreans. After their time in South Korea, Walter Powers and his family took a trip around to world before going back to their home in

Cheney, Wash.

In Washington, Walter Powers taught at Eastern Washington University as a psychology professor, and Myrtle Powers continued teaching elementary school near their home. After a lifetime of achievements, success and 35 years of teaching, they decided to finally retire.

Walter and Myrtle Powers spend the winter vacationing in their condo in Honolulu, and they spend their summers back home in Cheney. They often visit their cabin in Priest Lake, Idaho, where they like to compete at picking berries, Walter Powers said.

“I couldn’t stand that she beat me every time,” Walter Powers said as he described a time when he and his wife had a berry-picking competition. “The bees always stung my fingers, and I grew frustrated with trying to keep up with Myrt. So I went into the cabin and took a nap.”

When Walter Powers emerged from the cabin a couple hours later, his wife was nowhere to be found.

He knew she would typically stay close to the cabin, but sometimes she got so focused on picking berries she never paid attention to her surroundings, he said.

“I started to call out her name and when she didn’t respond, I began to panic,” Walter Powers said.

The sun was starting to set, and he heard a noise coming from the edge of the tree line and decided to pursue it. After chasing the sound he had heard, he came to the other side of the woods and the edge of a steep hill down a mountain.

“I yelled out Myrt’s name, and in the distance I heard her yell back,” Walter Powers said.

Walter Powers recalled the moment when he was reunited with his wife after climbing down the steep hill.

He simply asked, “Did you get any berries?”

“Yes, I did. But I got thirsty, so I ate them all,” Myrtle Powers responded, jokingly.

Wiping the sweat from his forehead with the sleeve of his shirt and gently smiling, Walter Powers extended his arm out to his wife and said, “Let’s go home, dear.”

NIGHT OUT, from A-1

“A lot of community (representatives) came out and supported (NNO). We look forward to continuing that,” Noh said. “It’s always great to give back to the roots of our community.”

For this year’s event, Hinkley said he hopes MCB Hawaii can host representatives from more law enforcement agencies such as the Honolulu Police Department. Hinkley said as long as the same support is extended, the base should be able to host a second NNO event. He encourages the base community to call Crime Prevention at 257-8312 if individuals have ideas for the next NNO.

“(NNO is) for the community on base,” Hinkley said. “We’re more than open to hearing them out to make sure they get what they want.”

For more information about NNO and NATW, visit <http://www.natw.org/>.



Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Diego Rincon, 22, a radar work center supervisor with Air Traffic Control Maintenance Division, Marine Corps Air Station, and a native of Elko, Nev. and Lance Cpl. Justus Boring, 28, communications electronics technician with Air Traffic Control Maintenance Division, Marine Corps Air Station, and a native of Sharon, Pa., analyze parts of the Digital Airport Surveillance Radar on the Kansas Tower Hill here, Tuesday.

RADAR, from A-1

anything thrown our way.”

In the event power goes out, technicians ensure that the radar system continues operating. They have generators on standby 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if there is a power loss.

Technicians maintain not one, but two different channels. Two channels are constantly maintained because if one goes down, another channel is on standby for operation while the downed line is repaired.

“Our mission is to ensure Air Traffic Control stays in contact with the pilots at all times,” said Lance Cpl. Mohamad Hanino, 21, a communications electronics technician with ATC Maintenance Division, Marine Corps Air Station, and a native of Houma, La. “If we aren’t here

when problems arise, flight safety would be compromised. Our radar system also has the ability to identify if the aircraft is friend or foe.”

Among the different radar systems, Marine technicians maintain the position approach radar and the digital airport surveillance radar.

The position approach radar monitors the aircraft until it touches down onto the runway. Marines and sailors monitor the frequency to measure strength of the signal that the aircraft uses. The spectrum analyzer of the Air Traffic Information System is used to ensure the safety of the airfield is constantly maintained.

The digital airport surveillance radar, has the power to detect incoming aircraft several miles off the coast of Oahu. Every friendly aircraft sends a signal to the DASR radar. After the signal is received

from the DASR radar, it records the type of aircraft, altitude, speed and the pilot. If an unknown aircraft flies into the range of the DASR radar, it will alert the ATC tower, where the proper procedures are initiated to determine who it is and begin proper preventative measures to ensure the safety of everyone.

“We run tests and maintenance on these radar systems constantly,” Digeo said. “These systems have to be up and running smoothly all the time. If we weren’t here to ensure these radars worked properly all the time, not only would aircraft not land safely but also an enemy could threaten our borders without our knowledge. I never forget to realize that my job affects a huge part of MCAS. I take pride in knowing the radar systems I maintain keep everyone safe.”

Sports & Health



A 3rd Radio Battalion player is caught in a pickle during an intramural baseball league game against Weapons/Ordnance at Riseley Field, Monday.

Weapons/Ordnance cuts off 3rd Radio Bn.'s frequency, 11-1

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The Weapons/Ordnance baseball team smashed the 3rd Radio Battalion baseball team, 11-1, during an intramural baseball game on Riseley Field, Monday.

The game started with clear skies and a sunset behind right field. A brisk wind blew in the players' faces throughout the game into the night under the stadium lights of Riseley Field.

Weapons/Ordnance started the game up to bat first. The team had three hits, scoring two runs. The top of the inning ended with a Weapons/Ordnance player stealing home and getting thrown out at home plate.

The battalion's team couldn't come back from the two-run deficit set by Weapons/Ordnance in the top of the first inning. The team struck out twice for the first two outs and hit a shallow pop fly for the third out.

The pitching by Cody Hagen, pitcher for the Weapons/Ordnance baseball team, maintained a strong hold on 3rd Radio's effective hitting on the baseball.

"It's been three years since I have played competitive baseball," Hagen said. "My arm felt good, but it got tired as the game went on."

During the second inning, 3rd Radio Bn. held the batting of Weapons/Ordnance to zero. The battalion's team managed to squeeze one run out during the bottom of the second inning. The combination of a walk and two hits put a 3rd Radio runner in scoring position, putting the team one run closer to Weapons/Ordnance's two-run lead.

As both teams headed into the top of the third inning, Weapons/Ordnance held a 2-1 lead over 3rd Radio Bn.

The third and fourth innings had similar outcomes for both teams. Weapons/Ordnance made some consistent connections on the baseball but couldn't manage to bring any of their players to cross home plate. The pitching for Weapons/Ordnance stayed consistent with Hagen's arm. He struck out all six batters for all six outs in both the third and fourth innings.

Weapons/Ordnance batting warmed up in the top of the fifth inning. Singles started to fly out of the infield. They produced one RBI after another. Weapons/Ordnance sent five runners across home plate during the top of the fifth inning.

"I have been playing intramural baseball here for three years," said Roger Ruiz, shortstop for the Weapons/Ordnance team. "I play to win but regardless the outcome of the game, it's the love of the game that continues to keep me out on the field."

The battalion's team continued to struggle against Weapons/Ordnance's pitching. Hagen continued to throw strikes, giving 3rd Radio Bn. a small opportunity to pull ahead for the lead.

Hagen struck out the first two batters and forced them to bunt to try to get on base. This strategy didn't work for 3rd Radio Bn., and the fifth inning quickly ended. The score at the end of the fifth inning resulted in Weapons/Ordnance maintaining its 7-1 lead.

Weapons/Ordnance carried its hot streak into the top in the sixth inning. The team connected on the



Thomas Bush, pitcher for 3rd Radio Battalion, hurls a curveball during an intramural baseball league game against Weapons/Ordnance at Riseley Field, Monday.

ball for three hits getting runners on base. A deep bomb over the center fielder's head scored two runs. Two more RBIs put the Weapons/Ordnance team ahead with 11 total runs scored in the game.

The battalion's team couldn't get their offensive game going in the bottom of the sixth inning and stayed at one run scored throughout the game.

The game ended with Weapons/Ordnance keeping a commanding 11-1 lead over 3rd Radio Bn.

"We gave our best effort," said Cpl. Thomas Bush, pitcher for 3rd Radio Bn. "We always have a great time playing baseball regardless of who wins or loses."



Thomas Bush, pitcher for 3rd Radio Battalion, swings at a pitch during an intramural baseball league game against Weapons/Ordnance at Riseley Field, Monday.



Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com.

If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

Should fighting be banned in the National Hockey League?

Cpl. James A. Sauter VS. Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg

SAUTER: I remember in my youth one of my favorite pastimes was turning on the television in the late evening and finding a channel playing a National Hockey League game. I still love watching the carnage of hockey players skating from one side of the rink to the other, fighting for a puck and crashing into the boards at fast speeds. But who doesn’t like it when one player hooks another player and it results in a brawl? Gloves drop; fists are up; curses fly and punches make contact on bone and flesh. To my amazement, the players can stand on their skates while engaging in a brief boxing match. I don’t know about you, but this tradition of fighting is a signature part of a hockey game and shouldn’t be banned for the sake of weak viewers who can’t stand the sight of violence — then they shouldn’t be watching the game at all.

BRAGG: I agree that fighting within the NHL is an integral part of the sport, but the reason for debating the concept of a fight ban is not for the sake of weak viewers; it’s for safety reasons. Players face injuries in the NHL due to fighting on the ice, many resulting in concussions. This is a serious matter due to too many players trying to harm their opponents rather than put on a show. Hockey fights are meant to be brutal, but they are meant to raise morale for their team. The intention

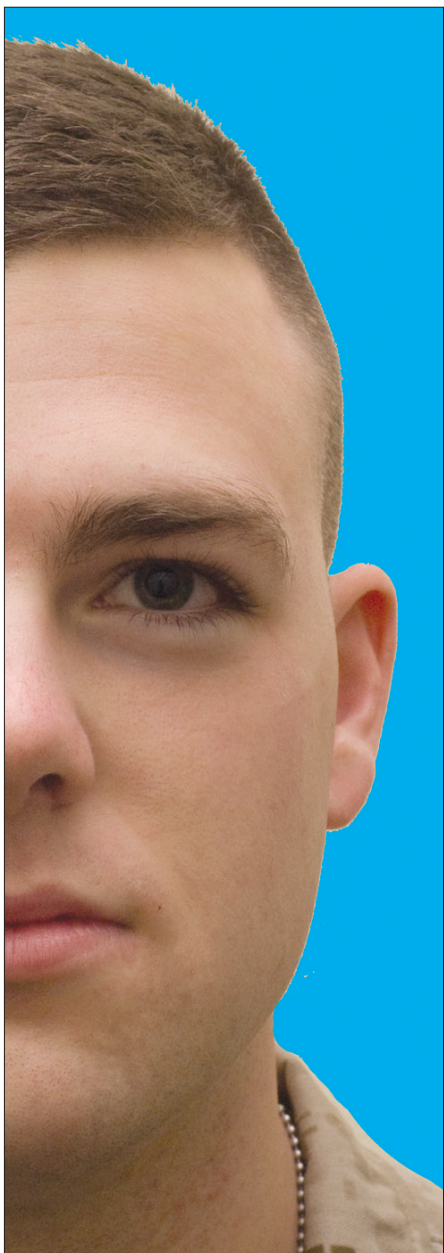
isn’t to bash the other guy’s skull into the ice. With the amount of concussions on the rise in the NHL due to fighting, it is beginning to make the saying “I went to a fight the other night and a hockey game broke out” seem like reality.

SAUTER: Who says concussions are on the rise in the NHL, you? Last time I checked the most common injury associated with hockey are broken teeth, broken nose and black eyes. Besides, these injuries are typically not severe because the referees break up fights quickly. A few mad mothers against hockey fights said they want harsher punishments for the fighters for the sake of shielding their children until they’re 40 years old, as if the evening news doesn’t do that already. I’m sure that four minutes in the penalty box or expulsion from the game suffices as a punishment. There’s no reason to ban fighting over a couple of bruises. Grow up and learn to take a punch like a hockey player.

BRAGG: Who says concussions are on the rise in the NHL? The answer to that question would be medical facilities certified by the NHL itself to treat players. The most common injuries currently in the NHL, according to their injured players list, are upper/lower body injuries. Broken teeth are rarely a result from a brawl between two players, and



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concussions have been proven to occur more often due to the removal of players’ helmets before they fight. The players are allowed to continue fighting as long as they are still standing, so if they have great balance (which most of them do) then the fight could go on for longer than it should and referees won’t interfere. The Ontario Hockey League in Canada invoked a rule stating players are not allowed to remove their helmets before brawling with each other. The rule continues to state that if the helmet were to fall off the player’s head accidentally during the fight, then the bout will continue. What’s to say the NHL couldn’t invoke a rule similar to this to stop head injuries within the organization?

SAUTER: Hang on, you’re supposed to find reasons to have fighting in the NHL banned. You just added more ammunition to my platform and jabbed yourself with a hockey stick. Fighting is just another part of the sport as much as “checking into the boards” is. I’m surprised that you call yourself a hockey player and provide such a weak stance on a good fistfight. You probably got your bell rung on a few times and been hurt about it since. Hand-to-hand fighting could be called unprofessional in a game where everyone fights for a puck with sticks at 30 miles

an hour, but it’s dealt with by extending powerplays. Fighting is a hockey tradition and only adds to the appeal of hockey as the baddest contact sport. Rebuttal that, Crybaby Crosby!

BRAGG: You must not be reading my arguments clearly, because common sense shows fighting can cause concussions. The NHL has admitted to this, and has taken preventive measures to help improve player safety through new rules in the game. Fighting obviously has an entertainment value that adds pizazz to the sport, so the NHL isn’t going to dump something that gives it more money. The league is a business, after all. But has it gone too far when fights lead to career-ending situations? For example, Todd Bertuzzi played for the Vancouver Canucks and went to fight Steve Moore, captain of the Colorado Avalanche. Bertuzzi fought Moore looking for revenge from a previous game where Moore cheap shot the Canucks’ captain. Bertuzzi punched Moore in the face and continued punching him after Moore fell to the ice. Ultimately, Moore’s career ended that night after sustaining a concussion that resulted from a fight. If the NHL won’t ban fighting, it should at least find a solution to eliminate career-ending elements that could result from a brawl.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Swing into the Klipper Junior Golf Program

All authorized patrons ages 6 through 17 are eligible for the Klipper Junior Golf Program, a year-round program to bring children and teens to the game of golf. Certified PGA Professionals will teach basic playing skills, rules and golf etiquette. Each session is five weeks long. Classes are held Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m. for the younger beginning golfers and 5 to 6 p.m. for the more experienced golfers.

Juniors can bring their own clubs or the staff can provide them. Collared shirts are mandatory. Tennis shoes or golf shoes are acceptable dress. For more information, visit <http://www.golfacademyhawaii.com> or call 386-3500.

21st annual Haleiwa Metric Century Ride

The 21st annual Haleiwa Metric Century Ride is scheduled for April 28 at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call 735-5766 or visit <http://www.hbl.org>.

hbl.org. Forms are also available at the Semper Fit Center.

Roll down for cosmic bowling at K-Bay Lanes

Glow-in-the-dark games at K-Bay Lanes are available Fridays from 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays from noon to midnight and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about K-Bay Lanes, call 254-7693.

MCB Hawaii encourages Marines to drink responsibly

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

For generations the Marine Corps has continued to battle a strong enemy. It has endangered Marines all over the world, affected loved ones and families at home, and jeopardized troop readiness, individual health, and mission accomplishment in several different units worldwide. The enemy isn't a machine, a foreign army, or even a man — it's a substance found in thousands of homes and stores, marketed on nearly every television channel, and has been embedded into many Marine Corps traditions. This enemy is alcohol.

In 1987, the National Council on

Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc., dedicated the month of April to alcohol awareness with a goal to reduce the stigma that often prevents individuals and families from seeking help.

Service members aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii are asked to take this month to learn more about the effects of alcohol, aim to make wise, low-risk choices when drinking and consider the long-term and short-term effects of their alcohol consumption.

“The Marine Corps cultural view on glamorizing, glorifying, consuming copious and reckless amounts of alcohol is changing,” said Jonathan Barkley, alcohol abuse prevention specialist for MCB Hawaii. “We are striving to become much healthier and



more responsible with our alcoholic beverage intake choices over yesteryear. Gone are the days where erratic and peer-pressured behavior is condoned and considered acceptable on any level. Regardless of leadership, we should all set good examples where and when consumption of alcoholic beverages is present.”

According to Rick De Leon, director of behavioral health programs on MCB Hawaii, alcohol is a common denominator in many problems he deals with including substance abuse, family advocacy, sexual assault prevention and response, suicide prevention, and operational stress. The problem among Marines is not only admitting and accepting but also swallowing pride and asking for help.

“The reason why alcohol is such a big issue is because if you look at the list of behavioral health issues, alcohol plays a role in the majority of them,” De Leon said. “We want to empower people to ask for help when they need it. We’ve lost too many Marines to alcohol simply because they didn’t want to ask for help for fear of what their sergeant might say, or their command. We’ve witnessed the longest stretch of combat

history in recent years so it doesn't surprise us that so many people are becoming dependent on alcohol, but we need a change — and we're working diligently for it.”

By reaching out in several communities and military installations around the nation, NCADD spreads the knowledge about alcohol as a chronic, progressive disease that is genetically predisposed and if untreated, can be fatal. It's not a moral weakness from which people can easily recover but a disease that can affect every member of a family and is treatable.

“Alcohol doesn't care what rank you possess, your age, gender, what your pay stub looks like, how many deployments you've been on, or where you were raised,” Barkley said. “We don't go into the Marine Corps and battle with muskets anymore, nor should we embrace a Marine Corps that condones, hides, or ‘sweeps under the rug,’ any type of high-risk alcohol behavior or incidents. It's the future of our Corps that we are looking at but in order to create a change we have to gain the attention of this generation and teach them about the effects of alcohol. Alcohol Awareness Month is for that.”



Marines strike back at Hawaii All-Military tournament

Christine Cabalo

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Kaneohe Bay’s bowling champions are back to strike it big at this year’s Hawaii All-Military bowling tournament, which concludes today at Pearl Harbor Bowling Center.

Eight of Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s top bowlers earned a spot on the K-Bay team to battle players representing each branch of the armed services. The tournament features 24 games during a span of four days, played at various military installation bowling alleys including K-Bay Lanes, Wednesday. Many K-Bay players said they were happy to play on their home turf after a tough time on the first tournament day.

“We’re in our own house,” said returning K-Bay player Jill Chenoweth. “There are extreme differences in conditions for games, but we like

playing here on the nice wooden lanes. The team feels comfortable because we bowl here all the time.”

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band also performed to support the team, playing the national anthem and introduced each armed service team as they marched in. Once the band finished, tournament players gathered in mixed doubles teams to bowl.

This year’s K-Bay team features a mix of several returning bowlers and first-time tournament players. Brad Rehrig and Mark Gleason, who were on last year’s team and are senior leaders with the band, said weekly bowling team practice has improved each player’s game.

“The experienced bowlers try to help the newer bowlers with some tips,” Rehrig said. “It is always fun with everyone cheering the other players on with a lot of laughing and joking. We all bowl better in a light atmosphere,

instead of no one talking and being too serious.”

Gleason said his approach to the tournament is keeping positive and focused, instead of dwelling on previous mistakes. For first-time tournament player Jorge Garay, having teammates he can look to for support and tips has helped him rethink his strategies.

During HAM team practice, Garay and team members prepared by playing team games when two bowlers are scored as one player. For the tournament, the K-Bay team practiced by having two-player teams bowl and scored as a single player. Bowlers needed to pick up their partner’s spare pins to score well.

“They motivate me when things are going bad and help me brush it off and continue with the game,” he said. “They’ve all been encouraging me to keep going and helping me train.”

Garay, a Marine with Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, often plays

with teammate and roommate Justus Boring. The two regularly challenge each other at bowling, with the loser paying for dinner or playing games at K-Bay Lanes.

Since Boring began more competitive playing a few years ago, he said talking to his teammates about different techniques has helped improve his own.

“There’s a lot of things in bowling I never realized are controllable elements to the game,” Boring said. “When I started bowling and talking to other people, and I saw how so many simple elements can totally change how your throw goes.”

Gleason said the pressure may be on for the K-Bay team to finish first, but the Marines and civilians on the team are ready to handle it.

With returning and new players, the K-Bay team is set to strike in the fast lane.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Jorge Garay throws a bowling ball during his turn in the second day of the Hawaii All-Military bowling tournament held at K-Bay Lanes, Wednesday. In this leg of the tournament, bowlers were grouped in mixed doubles play. The final team game of the tournament is today at Pearl Harbor Bowling Center.



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Victor Danish, flute player with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, bowls a strike Monday at K-Bay Lanes aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

A base’s band of bowlers

Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Monday nights at 6 p.m. you will find Marines of every age and rank participating in the Commander’s Cup Bowling League at K-Bay Lanes. The league started Monday and will continue for 12 weeks. Each of the 14 teams is made up of four players, and can have up to four alternate players. The alternate players are usually people who want to participate but can’t make the commitment due to crazy work schedules. Each player pays \$12 a week, or when they play, since some teams have more than four players. The money goes toward a banquet and cash prizes at the end of the season. Many of the players are returning

participants to the league, but newcomers are welcome. “This is the sixth time I’ve been a part of the league,” said Cpl. Matt Liebhart, bass guitar player with U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, 22, and native of Akron, Ohio. Liebhart is the team leader to his team of only band members, the 15-Pound Balls. His team consists of four main players and one alternate. He has been bowling since he arrived in Hawaii in October 2011, and has enjoyed it ever since. He plans on signing up for the leagues following this one. “I enjoy bowling a lot,” said Lance Cpl. Victor Danish, flute player with MarForPac Band, 22, and native of San Antonio, Texas. “I bowled before I

joined (the Marine Corps) and decided to join (the league) since my friends were doing it, and I like the game.” This was Danish’s first time playing for the league. He was an alternate Monday night but was still content being there with his friends. They sat around joking, cheering on their fellow team members and taking their turns at the lane for the two-hour bowling session. “I’m trying to improve my bowling skills,” said Lance Cpl. Bryan Sitka, trumpet player with MarForPac Band, 19, and native of Bristol, Conn. “I like it because I can sit back and hang out with my friends, and bowl.” The teams compete to win prizes at the end of the 12 weeks. Teams that place first through fourth place

win cash prizes. There are also awards for individual players on a team, for example most improved and highest scratch games. To participate a person doesn’t have to be an expert at bowling. It’s just a good way to relax, enjoy time away from work and bowl. The reason the league is only 12 weeks long is to make it less of a commitment for everyone. It makes it easier for Marines to be a part of something, and not have to worry because they have other obligations. It helps Marines who are deploying to have a chance to play, but not have to forfeit because they are leaving soon. There is another league starting July 15, running for 12 weeks. “I’d definitely recommend it,” said Liebhart.

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Energy conservation
tips for better
energy management

As we start getting ready for the warmer weather, we need to take into consideration energy conservation tips for better energy management. As long as we do the following, we will be in line with the energy policy statements as well as the Marine Corps Base Hawaii base order.

For every degree below 78 you set your thermostat during the summer, your cooling costs may increase by 9 percent. Close window coverings, blinds and drapes during the day. The blinds should be turned up instead of down. White blinds can reduce solar heat gain through windows by up to 50 percent. Blocking the sunlight

from entering reduces heat gain. Sunlight can increase the demand on the air conditioner by as much as 30 percent.

To make it easier to shut down your computer and other equipment each day, try plugging the computer, printer, scanner, etc. into a surge protector/power strip. Then at the end of the day, after you shut down the computer, simply turn the power strip off and that will take care of everything else. One of the strongest conservation tips for today's technology is this: When you're not using it, turn it off. Even if the equipment is only off for brief periods, such as during lunches, meetings and breaks, you'll see a reduction in energy consumption. The next best solution is to enable the power-saving features of your par-



Courtesy photo

ticular system so it goes into "sleep mode" when it's not being used. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, nearly 44 percent of computer users do not use

the power-saving features of their computer, and if you're using a screen saver on your monitor, please be aware that these normally don't save any power.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH NMCRS K-BAY

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a nonprofit organization run by volunteers that aids and supports Marines, sailors and their families. We offer financial counseling, Budget for Baby workshops, education tuition scholarships/assistance and interest-free loans and grants. As a predominately volunteer-run organization we are constantly looking for individuals who would be interested in helping with our various programs.



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NMCRS offers a variety of ways you can contribute as a volunteer. Do you have a background in finance? Or maybe you're interested in learning more about financial counseling and helping others out of debt. If so, we would love to have you as a caseworker.

Perhaps you're more interested in helping new and expecting parents prepare for a new baby. You would make a perfect instructor for our Budget for Baby class.

Do you enjoy public speaking and meeting new people? We would love to have you aboard as part of our Publicity and Marketing team and an ambassador for NMCRS. No matter where your interests lie, if you have the time and want to give back to Marines, sailors and their families, we have a place for you at NMCRS K-Bay.

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

WHO LET THE DUCKS OUT?

Volunteers dump boxes of rubber duckies into the Ala Wai Canal during the 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, Saturday. The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii hosts this race every year to raise funds for its various programs.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii hosts 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race

Story and photos by Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

HONOLULU — Rubber duckies can make a rainy day at the Ala Wai Canal lots of fun — and help a good cause. The 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race kicked off despite a dismal downpour, Saturday.

Fans of the race opened up yellow rubber duck-shaped umbrellas and braved the weather to watch a fleet of 20,000 rubber ducks float down the canal to an oil boom, which served as the finish line.

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii was the first U.S. organization to host a rubber duckie race, according to Donna Fouts, the executive director of the association. More than 20 years ago, she saw the Alberta Heart and Stroke Association host a rubber duckie race in Alberta, Canada, on TV.

"I thought it was such a cute event," Fouts said.

Inspired by the race, Fouts called the association, and UCPA Hawaii borrowed the Alberta Heart and Stroke Association's rubber ducks to host a trial race. When UCPA Hawaii decided the race was a worthwhile event, the organization purchased 20,000 of its own ducks.

Since the inaugural race, UCPA Hawaii has raised more than \$1 million. Fouts said all the funds from this race stay in Hawaii, and are used for various programs UCPA Hawaii offers to people affected by cerebral palsy, including a recreational program that encourages them to make friends and learn how to socialize.

Before the race, members of the public "adopted" one or more of the blue-eyed squeaky toys for a small fee. Participants received an adoption certificate with a number corresponding to one of the 20,000 ducks the association owns. Purchasing a specific number of ducks earned a participant a T-shirt.

On the day of the race, attendees amused themselves with entertainment, duck-themed games and as Fouts called it "the best duck store in the state."

Local resident Evelyn W. Chang has been coming to

the race for many years, and continued the tradition with her family Saturday, purchasing 13 ducks.

"(UCPA Hawaii) takes care of a lot of kids," Chang said. "That's what (the community needs)."

Many children attended the race, including Sage Hoffman, daughter of an Air Force service member.

"She's obsessed with ducks, so of course we had to come," said Hoffman's mother, Sarah Turk-Hoffman. "It's really cute and really fun."

Turk-Hoffman said her daughter collects rubber ducks, and has amassed 120 so far.

In the afternoon, everyone gathered on Kalakaua Avenue, which overlooks the Ala Wai Canal. Volunteers overturned large boxes containing the fearless yellow fowl, dumping them into the canal. The ducks then floated toward the finish line. The participants who adopted the first 50 ducks to reach the finish line won prizes

such as hotel stays and electronics. Even the last duck to cross the finish line received a "Lame Duck Award."

Marine Corps Base Hawaii was also represented at this year's event. John Nishida, the business operations manager at Marine Corps Community Services, is on the board for UCPA Hawaii. He has volunteered at the race for several years.

"I'm just doing my part for the community," Nishida said of his reason for volunteering.

Marines from 3rd Marine Regiment as well as Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 joined other volunteers to lift the large, yellow boxes of ducks out of their transport vehicle and onto the bridge. Cpl. Anthony Minjarez, an administrative specialist with 3rd Marine Regiment, heard about the volunteer opportunity through his staff sergeant. He said the event was fun and he would be open to volunteering again.

"We're so grateful that the Marines (and other service

members) volunteered," said Jarvis Graham, a member of the Rising Phoenix Junior Chamber of Commerce who helped recruit volunteers. "There's no way we could have pushed the crates to the Ala Wai without them."

This year, the race began promptly at 1:16 p.m. The race time is more precise as each year the association makes sure to check the weather and the tide conditions. The tide conditions are crucial and can cause unexpected changes to the race. Fouts recalled one year when all the ducks floated in the opposite direction from the finish line.

"We had to unlatch the finish line and bring it up on the other side of the bridge," Fouts said. "We've had a few curve balls over the years, (but) people are in good spirits and we get through it together."

Nishida remembered one year where the ducks contended with canoe paddlers. This year, the ducks gravitated toward one side of the canal, brushing up against the wall. Volunteers with long poles nudged them toward the finish line.

Many parents and children watched the race from the sidelines, like Ryota Kojima, 4, and his mother, Risa. In rubber duckie spirit, Ryota wore a duck-inspired hat and duck calls around his neck. Risa Kojima, of Waikiki, said Ryota heard his sister raving about the race last year, and he wanted to come this year. Kojima said the race is fun for the kids and involves donating to a good cause.

After the race, volunteers retrieve each and every one of the 20,000 ducks from the canal, power wash them clean and put them away for the following year.

"It's a very important fundraiser for UCPA and a very visual one at that," said Winston Chow, who was the 2012 community service development director at the Rising Phoenix Jaycees Chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. "It's fun and people of all demographics enjoy it."

Chow, of Honolulu, said the chapter has volunteered for the race for many years. He said he enjoys watching the ducks as they are released into the water.

"It's good and clean fun ... till we have to fish all 20,000 ducks out of the stinky and dirty Ala Wai," Chow said. "We leave no duck behind."

For more information about UCPA Hawaii or the race, visit <http://www.ucpahi.org/event.aspx?event=rubber+duckie+race>.



Lance Cpl. Curtis Plum, an electronic countermeasures technician with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, hands a basket of rubber ducks to Lance Cpl. Joshua Deyo, an administrative specialist with 3rd Marine Regiment, after the 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, Saturday.



A crowd of people watch as 20,000 rubber duckies float down the Ala Wai Canal toward the finish line during the 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, Saturday.



Sage Hoffman cuddles her balloon duck at the 26th annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race, Saturday. Hoffman, who owns 120 rubber duckies at home, came out to the race for the first time with her family.

PASS IN REVIEW

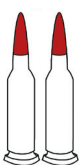
Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

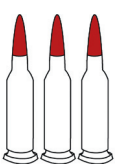
1/4 — No Impact, No Idea
Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.



2/4 — High And To The Right
Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.



3/4 — On Target
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.



4/4 — Confirmed Kill
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.

Better Know A Critic



SAUTER

Cpl. James A. Sauter believes that a good movie begins with a good story. The story needs to be well balanced between the chemistry and variety of characters with an original plot or setting that keeps the reader or audience up on its toes.



WONG

Kristen Wong admits she sometimes has to be dragged to movies that she later finds outstanding. She loves movies that make her care about the characters and sympathize with their plight. She enjoys action, fantasy, comedy and occasionally dabbles in horror.

‘G.I. Joe: Retaliation’ needs a better franchise reboot

Cpl. James A. Sauter

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

“G.I. Joe: Retaliation” is a pitiful live-action attempt at a resurgence of the G.I. Joe film franchise that should have stayed as a cartoon series and toy soldiers.

Who would have guessed that after the awful start with “G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra,” Paramount Pictures felt it needed to save the film series and reboot it with a sequel. The film studio made the pinnacle of movie marketing mistakes by planning for a release in July 2012 and withdrawing the film months before its release so it could be converted into 3D.

Anyone could see that Paramount had zero confidence in “Retaliation” and needed to find a way to make more money without it being crushed by other summer blockbusters — which would have been “The Dark Knight Rises” later that month.

Paramount held the movie for a year and released it in March to have the bare minimum amount of competition. “Retaliation” nearly recovered its \$135 million budget in its opening weekend but it doesn’t suffice in making the G.I. Joe franchise

respectable, if not making it worse. The filmmakers depended on the hope that no one saw the first film so they could reinvent the story and where it was leading.



My biggest disappointment was the lack of believ-

The movie begins with a quick prologue on who the characters are and where they are. “Retaliation” introduces new characters to the G.I. Joe team, including Roadblock (Dwayne Johnson), Lady Jaye (Adrianne Palicki) and General Colton (Bruce Willis) after removing the majority of characters from the first movie for no apparent plot reason. For the few characters returning from the first, they’re underused, quickly killed off or not even reintroduced.

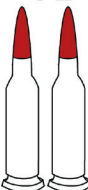
able action scenes to show how awesome the G.I. Joe commandos were. The director chose to shoot the action scenes like a “Call of Duty” multiplayer match. I was even more disgruntled when the director chose to make a bigger “Call of Duty” gag by making Channing Tatum’s Duke completely inept at playing the game even though he leads the G.I. Joes into combat.

One of the only two aspects of the film I thought worthy of recognition was Jonathon Pryce’s performance as the megalomaniac bad guy. He truly relishes his role as a narcissistic deceiver with his charismatic attitude unlike many of his aging generation. This was a reflection on his villainous role in the James Bond film, “Tomorrow Never Dies.”

The other one is the classic John Wayne theme of cowboy-like heroes who can get the job done no matter what the job is. Lately, there have been several macho American hero films coming out and this one fits perfectly in that crowd.

Give “Retaliation” a shot only if you want to kill an hour and a half of Transformer-style action. Any other reason won’t be mediocre enough and your money should be wasted elsewhere. Look out for the mountain-climbing ninja fight.

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(High and to the Right)

Think outside the cave: ‘The Croods’ prove to be refined

Kristen Wong

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Looking for a movie that will delight your child and still keep you amused for an hour and 38 minutes? Roll back the cave boulder and head for the theater for “The Croods,” rated PG.

“The Croods” centers on a Neanderthal family living in a harsh, dry desert, presumably the last of their kind. Grugg (Nicolas Cage), “plays by the rules,” and keeps his family safe in a cave most days and nights, allowing them to emerge only to forage for food.

However, Grugg’s daughter, Eep (Emma Stone), a typical rebellious teenager, yearns for more than a life spent sitting in darkness. One night, Eep leaves the cave to follow a strange, glowing light, unknowingly thrusting her family into a new adventure, and giving them a better chance at survival.

This movie has smooth, vibrant and beautiful animation, and is a joy to watch. Instead of going for any kind of paleontological authenticity,

the movie producers created new breeds of animals, from flying turtles to elephant-like mice. There’s even a cuddly, fuzzy, blue-green tiger who purrs and happens to be afraid of the dark.

I really enjoyed how the Croods treat the hunt for food as if it were a football game. It’s extremely engaging just watching the family dodge rival animals and predators to bring a single egg back to the cave. Even the upbeat marching band music makes the desert feel more like the gridiron.



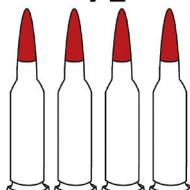
The movie is full of Paleolithic humor, including an exaggerated fascination with the introduction to fire, or a scandalous hunter-gatherer romance. Caveman comedy is coupled with familiar family woes, such as “I will turn this log (car) around” and “You’re grounded.” Don’t forget a cute little monkey that goes “dun – dun – daaaaa!” (melodramatic notes that signify when something awful is going to happen). Every actor in this movie brings an outstanding performance to the rock face. I truly cared for the Croods

and rooted for their survival. Bring tissues if you cry easily. There were a few sad moments when I could have used a good deal of them. There is a bond between father and daughter that many can relate to, and was most fitting considering I was spending time with my own father while watching this movie.

The movie was a treat for the many young children sitting around me in the audience, most of whom were unusually silent during the movie. Like most child oriented movies, “The Croods” encourages children to be unique, to think outside the cave and almost literally reach for the stars. They learn about the importance of family and self-sacrifice.

If you choose to sample this film, be prepared for a “Crood”-ité of laughter, tears, and childlike wonder.

4/4



(Confirmed Kill)



Prices: All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call **254-7642** for recorded information.



“Jack the Giant Slayer” PG-13 Today | 7:15 p.m.

“Good Day to Die Hard” R Today | 9:45 p.m.

“Oz the Great and Powerful” PG Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

“21 and Over” R Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

(Sneak preview) “42” PG Sunday | 2 p.m.

“Escape from Planet Earth” PG Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

“Dark Skies” PG-13 Wednesday 6:30 | p.m.

EASTER MORNING WITH ALOHA



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Members of Kailua-based Hanohano No Akua Ka Hulahula (Dancing For His Glory) perform a hula dance during the Fort Hase Beach Sunrise Service at Landing Zone Eagle, Sunday. Members of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii community gathered at LZ Eagle before sunrise to observe a special Easter Sunday chapel service with song and hula performances.



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

HATCHING FUN AT STORY TIME

Antonio Matos, 5, prepares to glue feet onto a spring chick craft book with his grandmother, Ida Lipscomb, during the base library's weekly story time, March 29. Each story time is an hourlong session featuring a different theme. The event is available Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the library, located on the second floor of building 219.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, ON AND OFF BASE EVENTS

Help the hungry, needy at IHS

The Institute for Human Services seeks volunteers for opportunities ranging from providing, preparing and serving meals for the needy to daily shelter cleaning, painting, landscaping in garden areas or sorting donations. Volunteer groups should contact IHS to schedule a volunteer date by emailing volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org or by calling 447-2842.

Join Hanauma Bay education program

Consider volunteering at Hanauma Bay if you have an interest in sharing information with park visitors. All volunteers must attend volunteer training, commit to a period of six months, and be at least 16 years of age. Younger volunteers may be considered if they volunteer as a team with an adult. Applications are available online or by mail. For more information, visit <http://hbep.seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/>.

Monthly Recycling for HI 5 cent redemption

HI 5 cent redemption service has been changed to once a month. The first Friday of every month will be the only day the recycling contractor RRR will be on base across from the MCX Annex from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For details, call Jim Sibert at 257-4300 or 216-4368.

Volunteer and learn with L.I.N.K.S. for Mentors

If you have attended the L.I.N.K.S for Spouses class and want to volunteer, please call 257-2410 to register for this class. This class will give you the tools and presentation skills to facilitate a L.I.N.K.S. session. Call 257-2410 for more information on volunteering with the program.

Bring your family to the Keiki Aloha Expo

Join Marine and Family Programs for the Keiki Aloha Expo, April 12 at the Klipper Fairways Ballroom from 3 to 6 p.m. Mini workshops include infant sign language, benefits of breastfeeding and more. Call 257-8803 for more information.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s Hawaii Chapter seeks volunteers

Dedicated and active volunteers are the backbone of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, founded in 1970 to improve the lives of every person affected by type 1 diabetes by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating and preventing T1D. JDRF collaborates with a wide spectrum of partners and is the only organization with the scientific resources, regulatory influence, and a working plan to better treat, prevent, and eventually cure T1D. There are many ways you can make a difference, including helping out at the main office, working at an event or serving on a committee. Email Hawaii@jdrf.org for more information.

Volunteer for the Hawaiian Humane Society

The society needs volunteers to work with animals and keep the shelter going. Volunteers can do a variety of tasks: Dog walking, foster care, grooming and assisting with pet adoption. For details, visit <http://www.hawaiianhumane.org> or call 356-2216.

First Friday Hawaii: Art at the Capitol

First Friday Hawaii is a social event sponsored by the city of Honolulu and neighboring businesses

and governmental organizations that promote the Chinatown area and its small businesses. Each monthly event has a theme with different participating venues and activities. Today, there will be artwork displayed in legislators’ offices from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The state Capitol at 415 South Beretania St. will be open to the public after hours for artwork viewing. Guests will also have the opportunity to enjoy music by the Hawaii Youth Orchestra and speak to legislators about their artwork. Guests can enjoy live music, tour the Capitol, and mingle with artists and lawmakers.

Pouhala Marsh Wetland Restoration volunteers needed

Help the Hawaii Nature Center preserve the Pouhala Marsh in Waipahu. The area is a wildlife sanctuary and site of historical fish pond. For details, call 955-0100 ext. 118.

Celebrate the 86th annual Lei Day in Honolulu

The 86th annual Lei Day celebration is May 1 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Queen Kapiolani Regional Park and Bandstand in Waikiki. The 2013 Lei Contest rules and the most current activities schedule are available at <http://www1.honolulu.gov/parks/programs/leiday/index.htm>. The Lei Contest Exhibit is open to the public in the open area between the bandstand and the shell. The exhibit is open to the public from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Hear stories, play Hawaiian games, learn a song, a hula, how to make a lei, and learn how to weave with lauhalā. There will also be craft, lei and food vendors in the park. These events are free and open to the public, as well as the closing ceremony, May 2 at 9 a.m. at Mauna Ala (The Royal Mausoleum) and Kawaihāo Church.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving guest speaker

As part of April’s National Alcohol Awareness Month and National Alcohol-Free Weekend events, Teresa Winn from Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be the featured guest speaker from 1 to 2 p.m. today at Kahuna’s Community Ballroom. Winn will share her tragic, compelling testimony as well as provide invaluable insight and education regarding alcohol awareness and prevention. All-hands are invited, however, due to limited seating capacity active duty ranks of E1 to E5 will have first priority. For more information call Jonathan Barkley, alcohol abuse prevention specialist, at 257-2464

MARINE MAKEPONO

Means ‘Marine Bargains’ in Hawaiian

Boat for sale. Selling Seaswirl Striper boat and trailer. Features a 20-gallon fuel tank with a 90 horsepower Yamaha 2-stroke outboard motor. Includes safety equipment and Garmin GPS with fish finder. \$14,000 or best offer. Call Wesley at 772-2647.

Kaneohe studio apartment for rent. Large deck with ocean view of Chinaman’s Hat and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Includes custom bathroom with hot tub/shower, covered parking, refrigerator and sink with disposal. No smoking or

barbecuing. \$1,300. For more information, call 239-5459.

If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in building 216, room 19. Please have your military ID and a short write-up of what you’d like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.